

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1862 - SB 1806

March 29, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates, effective September 1, 2011, an additional circuit court in the 21st Judicial District to be designated as Division V. Requires the Governor to appoint a judge to fill the position for one year, followed by an election of a judge to complete the term ending September 1, 2014. Requires, beginning with the August 2014 general election, the election of each successor judge to eight-year terms.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$318,800/FY-11-12
\$354,900/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), the AOC will incur a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$23,000 for computer equipment and books for the judge and secretarial staff.
- The AOC will incur a recurring increase in expenditures of \$354,921 (\$241,592 salaries + \$91,129 benefits + \$22,200 operational costs) for a circuit court judge, court reporter (required if granted criminal jurisdiction), and secretarial staff. In FY11-12, the judge and staff will only work 10 months. The increase in state expenditures for FY11-12 relative to salaries, benefits and operational expenses will be \$295,768 or 5/6 of the total (\$354,921 x 5/6). The total increase in state expenditures for FY11-12 will be \$318,768 (\$295,768 + \$23,000).
- The creation of this position will not result in any additional ADA or APD positions.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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